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Deer Season Opening is ripe in the Valley of the Moon

If your Moonbeams seemed somewhat pale and lightly printed last week there was a reason. The press at our printers' developed a case of the jitters, or perhaps it was just too hot, but anyway the printing job wasn't strictly up to snuff. But after giving the printers a little dickens, they promised this issue and future issues will be back in their regular pristine glory.

Men vs. Women Drivers: Men don't realize how difficult it is to drive in the middle of the road. VALLEY WATCH REPAIR, Boyes.

At the Lions club meeting Tuesday night at the new Town House, Glen Ellen, the french fries seemed to be in a different form than usual—round rings of a most glorious golden color. Ate the smallest one, then one a little larger. Finally came to the last one, quite large, but about half way through discerned that the interior was rather white and slithery. Carl Amante, proprietor, across from us, replied when we asked exactly what they were, "Onion rings."

And we've always hated onions in every form and shape. After we learned what we were eating, they didn't taste so good at all, but anyway we've now eaten onion rings.

The minestrone was thick and tasty, so much so we gobbled every bit of it including quite a few pieces of carrots—and we hate carrots!

BATH HOUSE BARBER SHOP, open daily except Monday. Fast, efficient work, modern shop. Bob Narcisi your operator. Drop in.

With traffic through Boyes increasing day by day, it's time something were done about a traffic light, or at the very least, a coupla stop signs at the intersection of Jack London way and the plaza corner. So thick are the cars that most of the time nowadays a pedestrian has to wait far too many minutes to cross the street.

We also could use some traffic control. The cars, including and especially the big lumbering lumber trucks, go through the Springs area much too fast—60 miles an hour through the main business section is commonplace. Somebody'll get killed, then maybe something will be done about it. But why wait for such an occurrence?

The TOWN HOUSE SUPPER CLUB, Glen Ellen. Finest in North California. Excellent food. Cocktails. Entertainment nightly.

Several big gatherings have been on the schedule at Inskeeps' Palms Inn lately. On July 22 members of the Sonoma Golf club had a barbecue at the inn, and the Napa chamber of commerce was there July 26. There was a Wednesday dinner and reception for newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kilsby, who have a summer home here.

BOYES SPRINGS BATH HOUSE. Hot and cold pools. Mineral baths. Cocktails. Skating. Picnicking. Summertime pleasure center.

Ever examine the highway shoulders in the Hot Springs area? From the plaza north for a half mile or so the shoulders are of cement, wide, even with the roadway, and almost as good as a sidewalk for walking purposes.

But to the south along the highway! Little narrow and rough shoulders in part, their inner edges half washed away in many places, not even with the pavement, no use whatever as a safe place to walk.

Why the difference? And why isn't something done about it? Must we continue to wait—and wait?

RUSTIC INN, Glen Ellen. An unusual tavern with real old-time atmosphere. Bring your guests here—for a change!

Didn't you enjoy those horseless carriages which gathered at the Mission Inn last weekend? Nearly 100 old-time motorcars were here, their drivers and passengers dressed in the garb popular 50 years ago. The cars were of many makes, most of them slicked up at heavy cost, and while they made considerable noise, most of them were in running condition.

The annual tour was from here to Ukiah and Fort Bragg and back, with only a very few tow jobs involved. There were banquets and get-togethers along the way, and everybody had a whale of a time.

MIKE & ROSE'S BOYES SPRINGS STORE. Specials on meats of finest quality, last three days each week. Try our steaks.

Most of our bridges, even some of those built comparatively recently, are too narrow, and constitute a dangerous bottleneck on any heavily traveled highway. The older bridges were built when the thinking was along either horse and buggy traffic or in the earlier days of auto use. But far too many wide highways carrying fast-moving traffic narrow at the bridges and culverts to a two-car width, and really not wide enough for two cars to pass without slowing to a crawl.

HOOKE OAKS TRAILER COURT, Hiway 12. Groceries. Shell products. Propane gas. Trailer space in grove for rent.

We had our first glass of beer (purchased illegally even then) in a bar in northern Illinois at the age of about 17. The bartender knew us, of course, though not our age. And he didn't ask. But then nobody cared very much about ages, provided the customer looked old enough. Most beer was of the draft variety, usually preferred over the bottled kind. And besides, the bottled variety cost a dime, and a glassful only a nickel. Licenses cost about \$200 a year, and seldom was one ever suspended for a law violation.

Never mind, we had to graduate from beer, because a glassful filled our gullet clear to the throat. At that, the beer then was much stronger than the stuff called beer at this time.

FRANK'S HARDWARE, Castner Bldg., Boyes. Complete stocks and super service. Paints, Tools, Glass, Gardening Supplies.

Yep, we goofed! That lighted highway sign atop the Resort Club bearing the words "Boyes Hot Springs" and "Valley of the Moon" was put in repair several months ago, and is lighted every night, the light bill going to the Boyes Hot Springs Merchants' association. Reason we didn't know it probably is that we don't drive after dark anymore. So if anybody was made unhappy by our remarks last week—we're mighty sorry.

BUD'S GARAGE, Calle del Monte, opp. Food Center, Boyes. Your best bet for car repairs, all makes. Phone WE 8-3971.

Have learned a little bit more about the Jack London Days, to be celebrated here September 1 and 2. Given away will be a good used car chock full of groceries. There will be street dancing one night, some high-powered wrestling the other night. An auction sale is also in the planning stage. Already practically all the concession space has been spoken for.

Many of the sponsoring businessmen are hoping that the annual celebration may become a real tribute to the memory of Jack London, who more than any other person brought fame and recognition to the Valley of the Moon. Oakland has made much publicized efforts to establish that city as Jack London town. While he did live there for some years, worked there spasmodically, learned to read and began his writings there, when he did become affluent and could live anywhere he wanted to, he chose this wonderful Valley as his home. We here could well use every effort to secure proper and adequate recognition of his genius.

MAC DONALD'S JEWELRY, Sonoma. Expert watch service. Jewelry for everybody. Watches. Shavers. Watch Bands. Rings.

George Trueman of the Valley Watch Repair, Boyes Hot Springs, has put in service a watchmeter, which is an almost human machine that listens to the working of watches and clocks and tells him exactly what's wrong with the mechanisms. The meter "listens" and on a graph shows where the defects are and what George should do to put the timepieces in proper shape. The watchmaker is plenty proud of his new acquisition and says he'll be mighty glad to show it and how it works to anybody who's interested.

PAUL'S RESORT, Verano. Banquet facilities deluxe. Dancing, Dining. Paul at the organ. One-stop resort. Swim pool.

The Young Democrats must be a strange conglomeration of immature individuals. At their recent San Francisco convention the delegates came out strongly for a civil rights plank which would guarantee equal treatment for everybody regardless of the usual color, race and creed. But apparently their beliefs along this line stop with the west coast shoreline, for they went on and adopted resolutions favoring the entry of Red China into the United Nations. Consistent sons o' guns, aren't they?

GEORGE'S MEATS, at Boyes Springs Food Center. Highest grade meats, cut to your order. Hot weather cold slices. Hot dogs, too.

Got some frozen catfish the other day and can't wait till the mis-sus serves them. She doesn't exactly like the idea of catfish in the first place, but will gird herself some day and throw them in the fry pan.

Pacific ocean catfish aren't so much, at that; they're mostly all head, with little edible fish. But the midwestern catfish, especially the channel cats weighing up to 1½ pounds, are to us the finest eating fish ever caught. Not a bone except the big backbone, and how delicious they are when they come to the table so nicely browned.

MANCUSO WINES, grower-produced. Glen Ellen. Available at every retail outlet. As good as the best, better than most.

A postoffice inspector is engaged in taking a poll of those residents living in the Hot Springs area but whose mail comes to them through the Sonoma RFD, with local street addresses but their city reading Sonoma. (Wonder how Sonomans would like to have their mail addressed to Boyes Hot Springs?). Patrons of the postoffice are asked whether they like this method or whether they'd rather be served by and through the Boyes office, with Boyes used as their official address.

It is not indicated that anything will be done about it no matter what the result of the poll.

If this system is an indication of the efficiency of the postoffice

it's a poor example. Why should a Sonoma RFD come out this way at all? It splits a little coming through Boyes, then rejoins to the north of this community which is twice as large as Sonoma. Why shouldn't this entire area be served by the Boyes postoffice?

ADOBE DRUG (Ray S. Duer), 417 First St. W., Sonoma. WE 8-2971
Prescription Specialists Veterinary Supplies

Guess we've eaten about everything. Exceptions would be bear, buffalo, hushpuppies (whatever they are) and chitlins (we know what they are). Never got up nerve enough to eat brains, however, and tripe we found no good, though some people like it.

ROZARIO'S PALMS INN, Verano. Gathering place for the discriminating. Fine food and excellent bar. THE INSKEEPS.

Did you ever sneak in at the county fair? Or under a big circus tent? Did a conductor ever fail to collect your fare or have you gotten into a theater without a ticket? All these seem to be a part of the growing-up process with many a person who isn't today ashamed at all of the escapades—in fact, is a little bit proud of such exploits.

SONOMA MISSION INN, Boyes. Known nationwide as a stand-out hostelry, where good food, drinks and service are superb.

Yes, it was a little bit hot back a few weeks, though the heat didn't last very many days. However, we've still got August and September in which to expect really hot weather. But just maybe the worst is over, already. High fog for several weeks now, typically California weather, has kept down the hours of real uncomfortableness.

FRIBERG DRUG STORE, So. Broadway, Sonoma. Prescription specialists. A super drug store, large stocks. Soda fountain, too.

If you feel the need of having your soul saved, there's an evangelist up the highway across from Hooker Oaks, and services are held nightly. Don't say we don't keep you informed.

MOVING and STORAGE. CLOUSE DELIVERY SERVICE. WE 8-2467, Sonoma. BOB CLOUSE, Your Friendly Mover.

Our major highways hereabouts have received their annual or semi-annual paint jobs, with the white center lines, crossings and the speed limits now all gleaming white. It's good from the safety angle, and this angle is becoming more important every day, as auto traffic continues to reach new highs.

FIELDS' AUTO REPAIRS, next to Texaco, Fetters Springs. Repairing all makes. Work guaranteed. Charges always low.

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New businesses: New car upholstery firm has opened for business in quarters adjoining the Perkins service station in Fetters Springs. Margie has opened a soda fountain and snack bar (dancing for teenagers Saturday nights) in the former church building in El Verano just west of Little Switzerland. Lulu McCormack and Barbara Wall have purchased Lew's Snack Shop in Boyes. And a surveyor has opened an office in Boyes.

Some more big business news is due in the Springs area any time now, and Moonbeams will keep you posted.

EL DORADO HOTEL, Sonoma. Club dinners and banquets. Authentic Italian food, seafood, splendid menu. Cocktails.

You go to banquets? Remember 'way back when a banquet meant a sumptuous meal, countless courses, and more to eat than anybody should (except on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's)? But nowadays a banquet usually means a skimpy meal, quite frequently chicken a la king (a little creamed chicken on a piece of soggy toast, and a side dish of mixed carrots and peas).

SONOMA FURNITURE MART, Broadway. Varied stock. We'll take your old furniture in trade. Upholstering, too.

Democrats will not agree with us, but President Ike has had a term of office marked by high efficiency, with policies of a middle of the road nature, and not based on one crisis after another. That crisis business was a feature for about 20 years of democratic rule, now happily a thing of the past—and, we hope, for many years to come.

GREENGRASS NOW SELLS REAL ESTATE that Sol D. Becker used to sell. Phone WE 8-4731. New offices, 18340 Sonoma Hwy.

DENNY'S COG CLUB, Boyes. Congenial gathering place for sportsmen and all real people. Wonderful drinkables.

With the big \$31 billion federal highway construction program now in effect (we're paying gas taxes toward it already), this would seem to be a good time for Sonoma county and other interested counties to try and get Highway 12 on the list for major improvements. It's rapidly becoming a main artery, and surely should be wider, smoother and straighter through the territory it serves.

TOWNSEND'S—Next to Bank of America, Sonoma. Shoes for the entire family. Specializing in work and sports clothes.

OUR RESORT, El Verano. Home of the Stein Club. Friendly atmosphere. Draft beer. Mixed drinks. A good place to know.

We have no complaint against zoning as such, when it means "use" zoning. But we're agin it when the zoning regulations tell you exactly what kind of a house you must build. Ferinstance, most such lawe say your ceiling must be 8 feet or more high, and we like a 7 foot 4 inch ceiling. The regulations also tell you about windows, and

doors, strict on constructions methods, designating type of foundations, location of the bathroom, and so on and on ad infinitum. We say that kind of regulation is none of the planning commission's business. What does it think it is, anyway?

LEE STARRETT, Masseur, at Bathhouse, Boyes. Massages, slenderizing. You'll look and feel better. Make it a habit.

BANCROFT NURSERY, Sonoma. For shrubs, roses, fruit trees, grapes, berries. Also fertilizers, insect repellents.

Bob Narcisi, who recently opened a barber shop at the Boyes Bath House, tells us he's closed on Mondays during the season. But for the summer visitor you'll find his shop open for some Sunday trade. Maybe you should get acquainted with him some time soon.

RUBBER STAMPS Made to Order. CARL O. DRESEL, 442 Betten-court St., Sonoma. Call WEBster 8-4160.

POWDER BOX BEAUTY SHOP, Arnold drive near Eldridge. A modern shop, experienced operators. For appointment call 8-2673.

We've got some dope (too much to tell you about this week) on what the big cigar manufacturers are doing in the way of "innards" for cigars. They're pulverizing the scrap tobacco, stems, sweepings, all the waste, combining other ingredients with them, and coming up with a sort of synthetic tobacco. Some of the brands we've used already show that un-tobacco flavor. It's a sure way to eventually cause the disappearance of cigar smokers entirely. Rather than come down to smoking cigarets we'll grow our own tobacco and use the genuine stuff in our home-made cigars. (More on this at a later date.)

GLEN ELLEN LIQUOR STORE, On Arnold Drive. Complete selection of fine wines and liquors. "SLIM" WALLACE.

FIRESIDE LODGE, Hiway 12 west of Sonoma. Barbecued chicken, chops, steaks, spareribs. Superb food. Cocktails.

And isn't this a cutie? "Smallville is so small that its fire department consists of a hose cart and four dogs." "What do the dogs do, pull the cart?" "No, they find the hydrant."

RICHFIELD SERVICE, Boyes Springs. Center of town. Fast and efficient service. Accessories. Bud Delaney, Proprietor.

DANCE Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons at famed LITTLE SWITZERLAND, El Verano. Genuine Swiss atmosphere.

The newlyweds boarded the train and as they entered their drawing-room the groom handed the porter a \$5 bill asking him not to tell anyone they had just married.

Next morning at breakfast all eyes were upon them. The groom asked the porter, "You didn't tell them we were newlyweds, did you?" "No suh," said the porter, "Ah jes told them you were good friends."

VALLEY OF THE MOON CIGARS—Union label, handmade right here at home. Most dealers have 'em. Superior quality always. **B & L LAUNDROMAT**, Feters. Bring your washing here during the summer months. No labor, fast service, clean clothes!

And from the Jungle Roar, Santa Rosa Lions club bulletin:

"Moonbeams is a weekly issued by Col. E. A. Little who is the popular secretary of the Valley of the Moon Lions club. In a recent issue we find this statement: 'Boyes Springs Bath House Is the Show Place of the Valley.' We are wondering just what the good Colonel saw."

SONOMA GROVE, Hiway 12 south of Boyes. Italian food a specialty. Varied menu—all good. Cocktails. Always the very best. **OUR RESORT**, El Verano. Stein club meets here. A friendly atmosphere. Draft beer. Mixed drinks. A good place to know. **VALLEY LANDSCAPE SUPPLIES**, Hiway 12 in Caliente. Stone. Gravel. Loom. Good advice. Roy J. Johns, Proprietor.

MY BOY . . .

I can't lay claim to anything as far as looks go. And when it comes to learning I may be rather slow. But there must be something more in me than other folks can see, 'cause I got a little chap at home—he thinks a heap 'o me.

I've had my ups and downs in life as most folks have, I guess. And take it all in all I can't boast of much success. But it braces up a feller and it tickles him to know there's some one that takes stock in him, no matter how things go.

To feel his hand in mine, so clingin' and so warm; to know he thinks I'm strong enough to keep him safe from harm; to see his lovin' faith and trust in all I can say or do—it sort o' shames a feller, but it makes him better, too.

That's why I try to be the man he fancies me to be, just 'cause that little chap at home he thinks a heap o' me. I wouldn't disappoint his trust for anything on earth, or let him know how little I just naturally am worth.

And after all it's easy up the better road to climb, with a little hand to help you and guide you all the time. And I reckon I'm a better man than what I used to be, since I got that little chap at home. He thinks a heap o' me.

BATHING EQUIPMENT at **BOYES VARIETY STORE**. Plus all your summer needs in every line. Giftware. Cards. Look us over. **SONOMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**. Superb food and drinks, with exquisite surroundings. Try our Clown Room after golfing. **BOYES SPRINGS FOOD CENTER**. A complete market, with lowest prices consistent with quality. Take-out license, too.